ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(177)
Mount Savage, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

1767 (area surveyed/marked)
1902 (new monument set at
additional site)

Milestone No. ---(177), north of the town of Mount Savage, on the eastern slope of Big Savage Mountain, is about 6000 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(176) and marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is a very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top, of the same design and source as 65 other new monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by 16 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was/surveyed and marked) and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was established and first monumented). No. --- (177) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of 37 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

HISTORIC	NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP) HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE				
AND/OR COMMO MASON-DIX		(1900-03 Res	urvey Monument No. 177)		
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STATE	· Maryland	CINITY OF	MD: 6 / PA: 12		
CLASSIF	ICATION		MD: Allegany / PA: Some		
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Survey No.

_ORIGINAL SITE

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

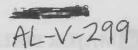
Milestone No. ---(177), north of the town of Mount Savage, was a new monument when set in 1902 at an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is a very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, firmly set, unaltered; measures 10 inches square by 16 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was surveyed and marked) and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was established and first monumented).

The area here is the high/east slope of Big Savage Mountain (elevation at the site with some clearing and sparse settlement along the road the site about 2600 feet). The site is within Election District 13 of Allegany about 6000 feet west of the preceding monument No. --- (176); county, MD, and Southampton Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2 miles north-northwest of Mount Savage; at a point about 2500 feet west of Blank Road/ T-209 and/about 100 feet south of the 81d pipeline; at the rocky/edge of the forest and about 10 feet to the southeast, by an east-west wire fence. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby, and seems protected by this obscurity.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 41/2 feet long, intended for setting about 11/2 feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting firmly into the ground when possible. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, except for minor nicks at the top corners and along the edges, and the decorative splotches of lichen on all surfaces.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the 1902 monuments and the Resurvey method of setting them)

X_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT



X_OTHER (SPECIFY)

boundary surveying

_INDUSTRY

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__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PREHISTORIC __COMMUNITY PLANNING __RELIGION 1400-1499 __CONSERVATION _LAW _SCIENCE __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC __LITERATURE _1500-1599 AGRICULTURE __FCONOMICS __SCULPTURE __1600-1699 __ARCHITECTURE __EDUCATION __MILITARY __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN X_1700-1799 __ART __ENGINEERING __MUSIC __THEATER X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT __PHILOSOPHY X_1800-1899 __COMMERCE __TRANSPORTATION

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area surveyed and marking ARCHITEGI Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon 1902 (new monument set) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

__COMMUNICATIONS

X_1900-

Milestone No. ---(177) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts in 1767, and the present new site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(177) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

Survey No.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Frostburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series

(topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 68045, northing 439888

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	and Maryland Geological Survey	DATE 10/24/81 (site surveyed)
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CITY OR TOWN Phoenix		STATE Maryland 21131

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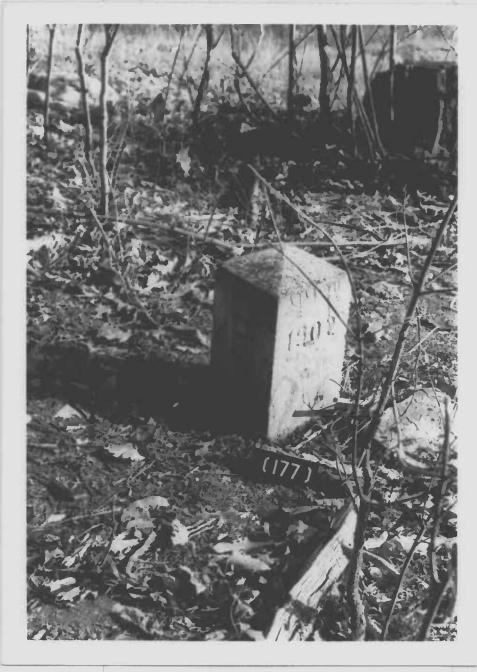
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MASON EDIXONWEST LINE: MILESTONE - (177) STONE MONUMENT (1902) SE CORNER (M/767) PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/24/81 (1981-49-11)



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HASON & DIXONSWEST LINE: MILESTONE - (177)

STONE MONUMENT (1902)

NW CORNER (P/1902)

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